

Ukraine: ‘Prime Minister of War’: Czech president says Yatsenyuk not seeking peaceful solution for E. Ukraine

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Czech President Milos Zeman has slammed Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseny Yatsenyuk, calling him “a prime minister of war” because he is unwilling to peacefully solve the civil conflict in the country.

“From the statements by PM Yatsenyuk, I think that he is a ‘prime minister of war’, because he does not want a peaceful solution to the crisis [in Ukraine] recommended by the European Commission,” Zeman told [Pravo](#), a Czech daily newspaper.

Yatsenyuk wants to solve Ukrainian conflict “*by the use of force,*” added the Czech leader.



Czech President Milos Zeman (AFP Photo / Patrick Kovarik)

According to Zeman, the current policy of Kiev authorities has two “faces.” The first is the “face” of the country’s president, Petro Poroshenko, who “*may be a man of peace.*”

The second “face” is that of PM Yatsenyuk, who has an uncompromising position toward

self-defense forces in Eastern Ukraine.

Zeman said he doesn't believe that the February coup, during which then-President Viktor Yanukovich was deposed from power, was a democratic revolution at all.

"Maidan was not a democratic revolution, and I believe that Ukraine is in a state of civil war," Zeman said, responding to what he described as "poorly informed people" who compared Maidan with Czechoslovakia's Velvet Revolution in 1989.

In November 2013, the initially peaceful demonstrations which started as a reaction to then-President Viktor Yanukovich's refusal to sign the EU association deal became violent in early 2014.



Firefighters arrive in Azotny district following a missile attack (RIA Novosti)

Kiev's central Independence Square – Maidan Nezalezhnosity – was turned into a battlefield as Ukrainian protesters clashed with police through January and February.

The unrest resulted in a coup that toppled Yanukovich and his government in February.

The Republic of Crimea's withdrawal from Ukraine was followed by a conflict in the country's southeast.

According to UN figures, at least 4,317 people have been killed and 9,921 wounded in the conflict in eastern Ukraine since April when Kiev authorities launched a so-called anti-terrorist operation in the region.

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